AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims provided below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- (Currently amended) A composition suitable for use as a wash water additive in wash water in a vehicle wash which comprising water, and a micro-organism and an alkali metal halide.
- 2. (Currently amended) A composition suitable for use as a detergent composition in a vehicle wash comprising a micro-organism, and a detergent and an alkali metal halide.
- 3. (Previously presented) A composition as defined in Claim 2, further including water.
- 4. (Currently amended) A composition as defined in Claim 2 further including a substance selected from the group consisting of <u>a</u> preservative, an alkali metal halide, one or more surfactants, and a dye.
- 5. (Previously presented) A composition as defined in Claim 1 wherein the micro-organism comprises 1 to 10 weight % of said composition.
- 6. (Previously presented) A composition as defined in Claim 1 wherein the micro-organism is naturally occurring.
- 7. (Previously presented) A composition as defined in Claim 1 wherein the micro-organism is capable of degrading a substance selected from the group consisting of oil, fat and organic material.

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- 8. (Currently amended) A method of operating a vehicle wash which includes means for dispensing water, means for dispensing a detergent composition and one or more vehicle washing devices, comprising to the step of providing a micro-organism and an alkali metal halide in the detergent composition and/or in the wash water.
- 9. (Previously presented) A method as defined in Claim 8 wherein the vehicle wash is for a vehicle selected from the group consisting of a car, bus, lorry, caravan and a train.
- 10. (Previously presented) A method as defined in Claim 8 wherein the vehicle wash is operated automatically.
- 11. (Currently amended) A method of reducing algae growth in a vehicle wash including means for supplying a detergent, means for supplying wash water and one or more vehicle washing devices, which method includes providing a micro-organism in the detergent composition as defined in Claim 1 and/or in the wash water.
- 12. (Currently amended) A method of treating a vehicle wash with a micro-organism wherein the rate of treating is proportional to the rate of use of the vehicle wash which vehicle wash includes means for supplying wash water, means for supplying a detergent composition and one or more vehicle washing devices, comprising the step of providing a micro-organism in the wash water and/or in the detergent composition as defined in Claim 1.
- 13. (Canceled).
- 14. (Previously presented) A composition as defined in Claim 1 wherein the micro-organism comprises 3 to 8 weight % of said composition.

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15. (Previously presented) A composition as defined in Claim 1 wherein the micro-organism comprises about 5 weight % of said composition.

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